



Robert Greene Sterne
Edward A. Kessler
Jorge A. Goldstein
David S.S. Cornwell
Robert W. Esmond
Tracy-Gene G. Durkin
Michael A. Kimbala
Michael B. Ray
Robert E. Sokol
Erik K. Steffe
Michael Q. Lee
Steven R. Ludwig
John M. Covert
Linda E. Alcorn
Robert C. Millonig
Lawrence B. Bugalsky
Donald J. Featherstone
Michael V. Messinger

Justin U. Kim
Timothy J. Shea, K.
Patrick E. Garrett
Jeffrey I. Helvey
Heidi L. Kraus
Crystal D. Sayles
Edward W. Yee
Albert L. Ferro
Donald R. Banowit
Peter A. Jackman
Molly A. McCall
Teresa U. Medler
Jeffrey S. Weaver
Kendrick P. Patterson
Vincent L. Capuano
Alben J. Fasulo II
Eldara Ellison Floyd
Thomas C. Fiala

Brian J. Del Buono
Virgil Lee Beason
Kimberly N. Radcliff
Theodore A. Wood
Elizabeth J. Haanes
Bruce E. Chalky
Joseph S. Ostroff
Frank R. Cettingham
Christine M. Unluer
Rae Lynn Pengaman
Jane Shershenovidi
Lawrence J. Carroll
George S. Baidmesser
Daniel A. Kish
Rodney G. Wager
Jason D. Eisenberg
Michael A. Specht
Andreas J. Kamage

Registered Patent Agents*
Karen R. Markowicz
Nancy J. Leith
Ann E. Summerfield
Helene C. Carlson
Gaby L. Longworth
Matthew J. Dowd
Aaron L. Schwartz
Angelique G. Uy
Boris A. Matvenko
Mary B. Tung
Kathryn Y. Pei
Bryan L. Skelton
Robert A. Schwartzman
John J. Figueroa
Timothy A. Doyle
Jennifer R. Mahalingappa
Jeff Lungren

Teresa Colella
Jon Wright
Victoria Rutherford
W. Brian Edge

Solicitor Counsel
Samuel L. Fox
Kenneth C. Bass III
Lisa A. Dunner

*Admitted only in Maryland
*Admitted only in Virginia
*Admitted only in Texas
*Practice Limited to
Federal Agencies

October 18, 2002

WRITER'S DIRECT NUMBER:
(202) 371-2347

INTERNET ADDRESS:
vcapuano@skgf.com

GROUP ART UNIT: 1712
Confirmation No. 1806

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/862,710; Filed: May 23, 2001
For: **Thromboresistant Coating Composition**
Inventors: Shah *et al.*
Our Ref: P296 DIV1 (1737.0730002/LEA/VLC)

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111; and
2. One (1) return post card.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.

Vincent L. Capuano
Vincent L. Capuano
Attorney for Applicants
Registration No. 42,385

LEA/VLC/tc
Enclosures
SKGF_DC1:66816.1

Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox P.L.L.C. : 1100 New York Avenue, NW : Washington, DC 20005 : 202.371.2600 f 202.371.2540 : www.skgf.com

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Shah *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/862,710

Filed: May 23, 2001

For: **Thromboresistant Coating
Composition**

Confirmation No.: 1806

Art Unit: 1712

Examiner: Robertson, J.

Atty. Docket: P296 DIV1
(1737.0730002/LEA/VLC)**OFFICIAL**#5/B
1/30/03
7C**Amendment And Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated July 18, 2002, (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 4), Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) A clean version of each replacement paragraph/section/claim along with clear instructions for entry;
- (B) Starting on a separate page, appropriate remarks and arguments. 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 and MPEP 714; and
- (C) Starting on a separate page, a marked-up version entitled: "Version with markings to show changes made."

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under